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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT APPLICATION of: Confirmation Number: 4649

**HONGO *et al.***

Application No.: 09/815,305

Group Art Unit: 1763

Filed: March 23, 2001

Examiner: ALEJANDRO MULERO, L.

Title: PLASMA PROCESSING APPARATUS HAVING AN EVACUATING  
ARRANGEMENT TO EVACUATE GAS FROM A GAS-INTRODUCING PART OF  
A PROCESS CHAMBER

December 30, 2005

**- AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION -**

**Mail Stop Amendments**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 13, 2005, the date for responding being extended by one month by the corresponding petition and fee, and in conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination submitted concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows: